

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (New): An E-mail printing apparatus comprising:

a reception unit, adapted to receive E-mail;

a limiting unit, adapted to limit a printing of the E-mail received by said reception unit;

a discrimination unit, adapted to discriminate whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed; and

a transmission unit, adapted to transmit the E-mail to a transmitting source or a reply destination if said discrimination unit discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is not to be performed,

wherein said limiting unit prints the E-mail up to a predetermined amount if said discriminating unit discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed.

Claim 42. (New): An E-mail printing apparatus comprising:

a reception unit, adapted to receive E-mail;

a limiting unit, adapted to limit a printing of the E-mail received by said reception unit;

a discrimination unit, adapted to discriminate whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed,

wherein if said discrimination unit discriminates that the limited printing is to be performed and the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, said limiting unit does not print the E-mail,

wherein if said discrimination unit discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed and the E-mail does not exceed the predetermined amount, said limiting unit prints the E-mail, and

wherein if said discrimination unit discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is not to be performed, said limiting unit prints the E-mail.

Claim 43. (New): An E-mail printing apparatus comprising:  
a reception unit, adapted to receive E-mail;  
a setting unit, adapted to set a print limit; and  
a print unit, adapted to print the E-mail received by said reception unit up to the print limit set by said setting unit.

Claim 44. (New): An apparatus according to Claim 43, wherein said setting unit sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 45. (New): An apparatus according to Claim 43, wherein said setting unit sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 46. (New): An apparatus according to Claim 43, further comprising a discrimination unit, adapted to discriminate whether or not the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount,

wherein said setting unit sets the print limit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said discrimination unit.

Claim 47. (New): An E-mail printing apparatus comprising:  
a reception unit, adapted to receive E-mail;  
a setting unit, adapted to set a print limit;  
a discrimination unit, adapted to discriminate upon printing the E-mail received by said reception unit, whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said setting unit; and  
a print unit, adapted to print the E-mail received by said reception unit if said discrimination unit discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set by said setting unit, and not to print the E-mail if said discrimination unit discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print limit.

Claim 48. (New): An apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein said setting unit sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 49 (New): An apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein said setting unit sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 50. (New): An apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein said reception unit receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.

Claim 51. (New): An E-mail printing method comprising the steps of:  
receiving E-mail;  
limiting a printing of the E-mail received in said receiving step;  
discriminating whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed; and

transmitting the E-mail to a transmitting source or a reply destination if said discrimination step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail has not been performed,  
wherein said limiting step prints the E-mail up to a predetermined amount if said discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed.

Claim 52. (New): An E-mail printing method comprising the steps of:  
receiving E-mail;  
limiting a printing of the E-mail received in said receiving step;  
discriminating whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed,  
wherein if said discrimination step discriminates that the limited printing is to be performed and the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, said limiting step does not print the E-mail,

wherein if said discrimination step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed and the E-mail does not exceed the predetermined amount, said limiting step prints the E-mail, and

wherein if said discrimination step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is not to be performed, said limiting step prints the E-mail.

Claim 53. (New): An E-mail printing method comprising the steps of:  
receiving E-mail;  
setting a print limit; and  
printing the E-mail received in said receiving step up to the print limit set in said setting step.

Claim 54. (New): A method according to Claim 53, wherein said setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 55. (New): A method according to Claim 53, wherein said setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 56. (New): A method according to Claim 53, further comprising the step of discriminating whether or not the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, wherein said setting step sets the print limit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 57. (New): An E-mail printing method comprising the steps of:  
receiving E-mail;  
setting a print limit;  
discriminating upon printing the E-mail received in said receiving step,  
whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said setting step; and  
printing the E-mail received in said receiving step if said discrimination step  
discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set in said setting step, and not  
printing the E-mail if said discrimination step discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print  
limit.

Claim 58. (New): A method according to Claim 57, wherein said setting step  
sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 59 (New): A method according to Claim 57, wherein said setting step  
sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 60. (New): A method according to Claim 57, wherein said receiving  
step receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.

Claim 61. (New): A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer  
program for executing an E-mail printing method, said program comprising:  
code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;

code for a limiting step of limiting a printing of the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step;

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed; and

code for transmitting the E-mail to a transmitting source or a reply destination if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail has not been performed,

wherein said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail up to a predetermined amount if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed.

Claim 62. (New): A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for executing an E-mail printing method, said computer program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;

code for a limiting step of limiting a printing of the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step;

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed,

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing is to be performed and the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, said code for the limiting step does not print the E-mail,

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed and the E-mail does not exceed the predetermined amount, said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail, and

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is not to be performed, said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail.

Claim 63. (New): A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for executing an E-mail printing method, said computer program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;  
code for a setting step of setting a print limit; and  
code for a printing step of printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step up to the print limit set by said code for the setting step.

Claim 64. (New): A storage medium according to Claim 63, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 65. (New): A storage medium according to Claim 63, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 66. (New): A storage medium according to Claim 63,  
wherein said computer program further comprises code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, and

wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said code for the discriminating step.

Claim 67. (New): A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for executing an E-mail printing method, said computer program comprising:

- code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;
- code for a setting step of setting a print limit;
- code for a discriminating step of discriminating upon printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step, whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said code for the setting step; and
- code for a printing step of printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set by said code for the setting step, and for not printing the E-mail if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print limit.

Claim 68. (New): A storage medium according to Claim 67, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 69 (New): A storage medium according to Claim 67, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 70. (New): A storage medium according to Claim 67, wherein said code for the receiving step receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.

Claim 71. (New): A computer program embodied on a storage medium executing an E-mail printing method, said program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;

code for a limiting step of limiting a printing of the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step;

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed; and

code for a transmitting step of transmitting the E-mail to a transmitting source or a reply destination if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail has not been performed,

wherein said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail up to a predetermined amount if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed.

Claim 72. (New): A computer program embodied on a storage medium executing an E-mail printing method, said program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;

code for a limiting step of limiting a printing of the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step;

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed,

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited

printing is to be performed and the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, said code for the limiting step does not print the E-mail,

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed and the E-mail does not exceed the predetermined amount, said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail, and

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is not to be performed, said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail.

Claim 73. (New): A computer program embodied on a storage medium executing an E-mail printing method, said program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;  
code for a setting step of setting a print limit; and  
code for a printing step of printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step up to the print limit set by said code for the setting step.

Claim 74. (New): A computer program according to Claim 73, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 75. (New): A computer program according to Claim 73, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 76. (New): A computer program according to Claim 73,

wherein said computer program further comprises code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, and wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said code for the discriminating step.

Claim 77. (New): A computer program embodied on a storage medium executing an E-mail printing method, said program comprising:

- code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;
- code for a setting step of setting a print limit;
- code for a discriminating step of discriminating upon printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step, whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said code for the setting step; and
  - code for printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set by said code for the setting step, and not printing the E-mail if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print limit.

Claim 78. (New): A computer program according to Claim 77, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 79 (New): A computer program according to Claim 77, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

**Claim 80. (New): A computer program according to Claim 77, wherein said code for the receiving step receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.**